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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

Bubonic plague at Sydney.

(Communicated by United States consul.)

Weekly bulletin, week ended April 21, 1900.

Remaining under treatment April 14, 62; admitted during week, 16; died during week, 8; remaining under treatment April 21, 70; total cases to April 21, 129; total deaths to April 21, 46; discharged recovered, 13; total contacts isolated to April 21, 719; total contacts remaining, 191; total cases among contacts, 5.

Respectfully,

C. A. SIMMS,
Secretary.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

BELGIUM.

Report from Antwerp.

ANTWERP, *May 14, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit weekly abstract of bills of health issued at Antwerp, Belgium, during the week ended May 12, 1900.

The steamship *Kensington* sailed for New York on the 12th instant carrying 123 cabin and 855 steerage passengers. Eleven were refused passage, mostly because of trachoma.

Respectfully,

E. K. SPRAGUE,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine Hospital Service.

BRAZIL.

Existence of plague at Rio de Janeiro officially recognized.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 23, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to quote for your information the following telegram, dated yesterday, from the United States minister to Brazil: "Government recognizes existence plague. Rio de Janeiro quarantined. Fear allayed."

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Report from Belize—Fruit port.

BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, *May 18, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report a continuance of good health in this colony. Only 1 death reported during the past week—a patient in the